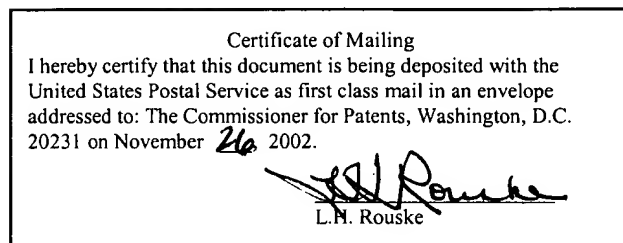




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Greetings:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed November 7, 2002. Please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claim 18.

Please amend claims 13, 14 and 16 as follows:

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